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GROUP ART UNIT 1794

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SIR:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated  
January 24, 2008. As an initial matter, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.